**To:** Egan, Robert[egan.robert@epa.gov]

From: Hanson, Kristen

**Sent:** Thur 2/25/2016 7:30:29 PM

Subject: Comments on Task Order 2012/ Amendment 3

TOWER STANDARD SOW (Amendment 3) 2-2016 revised task language only.docx

Hi Bob,

It is good to see the Tribe included in planning and results calls with the contractor. This is how we have participated in work completed by other EPA divisions. Participation in planning and reporting has proven to be both successful and effective in the past.

## **Groundwater Monitoring Wells**

It was my understanding the groundwater monitoring wells would supplement the incomplete state well network. The previous task order set forth a network of 4 locations and 3 depths for a total of 12 wells. After the state network was completed, we discussed 5 wells instead of 12. This scope of work has zero wells. The porewater sampling plan is dependent on a three well depths adjacent to the Lake. If this cannot be accomplished as we anticipated, we have two options. 1) delay work until a third well can be installed or 2) the Tribe will complete the well.

Is there a reason why wells are being avoided in this Task Order?

## Source Soil Characterization Work

This SOW is for 15 borings to 15 feet. The soil cuttings from a well near the tank basin showed free product at a depth greater than 15 feet.

## **Vapor Intrusion Work**

This includes indoor air sampling from rooms that people are living in. The Task order references utilizing the State's sampling strategy. We have concerns about this strategy and have expressed them previously.

Kristen

From: Egan, Robert [mailto:egan.robert@epa.gov] Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 1:03 PM

To: Hanson, Kristen

Subject: RE: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting

Hi Kristen,

Please see the attachment. I completed a draft late last week. I have contacted my contracting officer to let him know that we need to move on this as quickly as we can.

He may have comments or changes, so this may not be what goes to Bristol for them to respond with a cost estimate, but please look at it. It does not include any well installation because I do not think we have the money to do that and the other items, but we can fund that in the next contract period. It does have the soil boring and sampling, gw sampling at 2 locations, Vi sampling, the data review, interim remediation recommendations, and cross sections/figures. I also have included a meeting with the LDF NR when they come to the field to do the VI work so they get a good understanding of the issues.

Bob Egan

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(312) 886-6212 (312) 692-2911 (fax) From: Hanson, Kristen [mailto:KHanson@ldftribe.com] Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 11:47 AM To: Egan, Robert < egan.robert@epa.gov> Subject: RE: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting Good Morning Bob, Any updates on the revised task order? Kristen From: Hanson, Kristen Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 11:13 AM To: 'Egan, Robert' Subject: RE: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting Hi Bob, We agree. Kristen From: Egan, Robert [mailto:egan.robert@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 11:08 AM

To: Hanson, Kristen

Subject: RE: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting

Hi Kristen,

Because our funds are limited, and with the USGS work planned, would you be OK with us postponing our gw samples below the lake bed until next winter? We could use that money this year to refine the soil source area.

It's just a thought for now until I get more details on cost and schedule from our contractor, but we could fund the office work (cross sections, analysis of data), soil sampling and possibly new wells with what money I have if I drop out the "beneath the lake" sampling. It's an option and I would like your opinion on what is most important in the short term. By your message below, you seem to prefer refining the soil sampling to support removal work, but finding extent of the plume is important too, so I don't want to short-change that unless we postpone it to next winter.

Thanks.

Bob Egan

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From: Hanson, Kristen [mailto:KHanson@ldftribe.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 3:30 PM

**To:** Egan, Robert < egan.robert@epa.gov> Cc: Kamke, Sherry <Kamke.Sherry@epa.gov>; Dee.allen@ldftribe.com; lwawronowicz@ldftribe.com Subject: FW: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting Bob. Thank you for the telephone conversation on Friday. I was out of the office on sick leave but felt it important to provide feedback to your email describing EPA's planned work at the Haskell Lake Area contamination site. I appreciated the conversation and am hoping you will modify your planned scope based on the concerns expressed on Friday and briefly reiterated here. Absent from the planned activities was any source area characterization field work. Our priority for this site has been and continues to be source area characterization. Characterizing the source at this very old contaminated site is critical to a viable conceptual site model, the site investigation, and interim action source area remediation. The heavily contaminated source soil area (both unsaturated and saturated) is undefined. Also, as we spoke earlier last week, the Tribe has leveraged \$70,000 for source area removal and transport with an funding expiration date of August. To have any hope of utilizing this funding we need high quality source area characterization data, allowing evaluation of interim action remedial options. The other items identified are important to this investigation, but source area characterization and defining the degree and extent of contamination remain our current priorities. These priorities were reflected in the August 28th Task Order (Source area work and well network installation), we would prefer that near-term planned work continues to reflect these priorities. Sincerely, Kristen Hanson

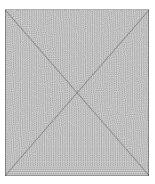
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From: Egan, Robert [mailto:egan.robert@epa.gov] Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 11:30 AM

To: Hanson, Kristen

Cc: Kamke, Sherry; Victorine, Gary; Guerriero, Margaret

Subject: Response to LDF Problem/Solution document, and next technical meeting

Hi Kristen,

Attached, please find our responses and suggestions about the issues you identified at the Tower Standard/Haskell Lake site. At the end of the document, I also included a list of task order items that I plan to place in an amended task order for funding.

Please review the information and contact me with any questions. We will need to discuss the specifics for upcoming work, but I hope this is a good starting point. I have contacted John Robinson to ask about possible dates for our next technical meeting. As you know, we have a meeting with WDNR on Feb. 4 in Madison. He is checking to see if DNR and REI participants can meet on Feb. 5. I should be available that day. Please let me know if LDF participants can attend a meeting that day. No location has been chosen, but we may be able to meet at the Rhinelander office as we did last time. If that date is not good for you, please let me know what dates in the following week might work. Thank you. Bob Bob Egan Corrective Action Manager **Underground Storage Tanks Section** RCRA Branch EPA Region 5 (312) 886-6212 (312) 692-2911 (fax)